CLAIMS

We claim the following:

1. A method for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an input associated with the patient;

assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the goals of the organization; and

determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assessing said input using a patient scoring module that is capable of providing the score of said input.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assessing said input using an intervention goals and outcome module.

4. A method for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in the technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an input associated with the patient;

assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and

determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and

determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the TADM system.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using a global goal module.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the of step of assessing said input using said global goal module further includes the step of assessing said input using a patient category focus module.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of assessing said input using said global goal module further includes the step of assessing said input using an organizational category focus module.

9. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using a patient scoring module.

10. The method of claim 4, wherein the of step of assessing said input using at least one qualifying module further includes the step of assessing said input using an intervention goals and outcome module.

11. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of selecting monitoring equipment based on said assessment of said input.

12. The method of claim 4, further comprising, the steps of:

receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of being included in the TADM system;

assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the TADM system; and

resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

13. A system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

means for receiving an input associated with the patient;

means for assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and

means for determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

14. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

means for receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of being included in the TADM system;

means for assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the TADM system; and

means for resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

15. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

means for re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and

means for determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the TADM system.

16. A system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

means for receiving an input associated with the patient;

means for assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the goals of the organization; and

means for determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

17. A method for use in a computer system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an input associated with the patient;

assessing said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the goals of the organization; and

determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

18. A method for use in a computer system for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an input associated with the patient;

assessing said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and

determining if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

re-evaluating a non-qualified input; and

determining if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the TADM system.

20. The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of being included in the TADM system;

assessing said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the TADM system; and

resetting at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

21. A computer readable medium for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

logic configured to receive an input associated with the patient;

logic configured to assess said input using at least one qualifying module, said qualifying module having at least one predetermined parameter; and

logic configured to determine if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system..

22. The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:

logic configured to re-evaluate a non-qualified input; and

logic configured to determine if said non-qualified input is a re-evaluated qualified input, where the patient associated with said re-evaluated qualified input is included in the TADM system.

23. The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:

logic configured to receive a qualified outcome input associated with the patient outcome of being included in the TADM system;

logic configured to assess said outcome qualified input to determine if it is unsatisfactory, said determination based upon the patient outcome after being included in the TADM system; and

logic configured to reset at least one of said parameters if said qualified outcome input is determined to be unsatisfactory.

24. A computer readable medium for qualifying and selecting patients to be included in a technology-assisted disease management (TADM) system, comprising:

logic configured to receive an input associated with the patient;

logic configured to assess said input using a global goal module that is capable of defining the goals of the organization; and

logic configured to determine if said input is a qualified input based upon said assessment, where the patient associated with said qualified input is included in the TADM system.